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Proposal Aired to Add Classrooms at Hampstead Central School

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - The School Board is beginning talks on phase one of facilities improvements that would see a six-classroom addition at Central School and other work at Hampstead Middle School.

The district's Facilities Committee has been at work for the last several years to determine what aspects of the Breadloaf School Assessment Proposal should be prioritized and presented to the public for funding.

The Hampstead School District Strategic Plan 2008-2013 had two goals regarding school facilities - an analysis of the two schools' space in terms of meeting curricular, instructional and

programming needs which was done in the Breadloaf Study, and addressing the mid- and long-term 2006 Turner Report goals. The Turner Report recommendations have been routinely met each year as the budget allows.

The Breadloaf Study produced a comprehensive facilities assessment in 2009 that included current and future educational programming priorities, energy efficiency and recommended repairs, and modifications or new construction required to meet the Strategic Plan's educational opportunities goals.

Phase one was to include items considered the highest priorities, and once this was done, Breadloaf was asked to propose a Supplemental Planning Study

for those priorities. It is that Supplemental Planning Study that was presented to the School Board on Tuesday evening, Oct. 23.

The plan calls for some modest changes at the Middle School, with the main focus at Central School. The total cost is \$5,154,000, with \$4,330,500 of that at Central School and \$823,500 at the Middle School.

The proposal calls for removing all portable classroom trailers at Central School, all of which are at end of life, and constructing six permanent classrooms. In addition, the existing south wing would be insulated properly and a new brick façade added to match the new construction. The HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) will be replaced. **continued on page 12**

Sandown Central School Election Takes Positive Tone

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN - There's one place in the area this election season where candidates are seeking office without reverting to negative attacks or robocalls or secretive outside funding, and that's at Sandown Central School. The student council election is in full swing, and on Friday, Oct. 26, all of the candidates spoke to their peers about why they should get their votes. The youngsters spoke about the personal qualities that made them good candidates and were gracious to their competitors.

Each year, classrooms hold elections for students to represent them in the council, and a few weeks later they volunteer to run for leadership roles. On Fri-

day, the candidates spoke to why they should be chosen as vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Running for vice president were Morgan Lewis and Madeline Zambrowicz. For secretary, Sierra Goodwin and Madison Takesian faced off. And for treasurer, Emily Beaudet, Autumn Brooks and Aiden Wells sought the role.

The candidates did a good job of speaking in front of a full gym of classmates, teachers, staff and parents. While student council advisor Diane LaRose said some of the kids were nervous getting up in front of the crowd, they did well after some practice.

Each one made solid cases for why they should lead their school, and none of them said a single bad thing about those they were

running against.

This year's vice president becomes president in the next year.

Morgan Lewis spoke of the personal qualities she possessed that would make her a good vice president. "Here are some things that I want you to know. I'm helpful and confident; I always get all of my work done and I help all of my friends too," she said. She added that she was comfortable speaking in front of the school and had a positive attitude.

Madeline Zambrowicz took a similar tack in her speech, citing the qualities that made her a good choice. She also spoke of her experience speaking in front of many people during Sandown North School's Monday Morning Meeting, a weekly event in **continued on page 3**



OPEN BARN Patch Wood Farm in Sandown held its annual Open House on Saturday, Oct. 27, where visitors got a chance to see some of the many animals that call the place home and to participate in various activities. Above, 5-1/2-year-old Shayna Adams gets a ride on 8-year-old Sonic, with Emily Mallard leading the way. See story on page 11.

Photo by Chris Paul

New Group Established to Commemorate Chester's Best

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER- The town is planning to memorialize its best citizens in granite.

Residents John Colman and Darrell Quinn were asked by the board of selectmen earlier this year to look into forming a group to find ways to properly remember those residents who have spent their time in Chester helping their neighbors. It was an offshoot of the two

men's successful efforts to name the fire station on Murphy Drive after the late Raymond "Red" Dolloff.

At the Thursday, Oct. 25, selectmen's meeting, Colman and Quinn met with the board with the rest of their committee - Dick Noyes, Web Anderson, Judy Balk and Gen Rowell.

The committee suggested the town create a granite monument on the grounds in front of Stevens Memorial Hall on which to inscribe

the names of Chester's late civic leaders.

The group's idea is to use the stone for names and possibly birth and death dates, and to combine the memorial with a wall inside Stevens Hall that would describe the efforts those inscribed made in the name of their town.

The group, according to Colman, decided that it would like to make permanent and public the names **continued on page 15**

Parent Speaks Out to Support Preschool Program

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - Suzanne Finocchiario was sufficiently disturbed by the comments made about the TEECH program, an inclusionary preschool program whose name stands for Transdisciplinary Early Education Classroom in Hampstead, that she offered personal information about how the program had not only assisted her family but saved the townspeople money. The program is funded by the Hampstead School District.

Finocchiario, speaking at the Oct. 23 School Board meeting, was responding to the fact that the School Board has asked for the first time that TEECH be broken out separately in the budget and examined for its financial viability. That will be addressed at the second School Board Budget Session Oct. 30, after the Tri-Town Times goes to press.

Finocchiario, in speaking out in support of TEECH, noted board member Jim Stewart has questioned the program.

TEECH is a regular edu-

cation preschool program that includes children with a variety of special needs along with their typical peer models. The preschool curriculum is based on the developmental needs of children ages 3 to 5, and its curriculum is based on the needs and development of the typical students. Adaptations are made for the special needs students. The curriculum is aligned with state guidelines, as well as the Central School's kindergarten curriculum.

Finocchiario said she wanted to use her family's experience to ensure "future 3- and 4-year-olds continue to receive the same exceptional education in the town they live in as our family had received." She expressed the hope no one would misuse the information against her daughter.

She said her daughter was a bright, advanced 3-year-old when she brought her to the Child Find program at Central School. She said she and her husband had missed the fact she had delays in some areas and their pediatrician had not given them any information, and so they were

shocked when Child Find indicated their daughter was on the Autism Spectrum.

"If it were not for the team of TEECH members, the speech you heard from Mackenzie two weeks ago would not have happened," she said. "We thank God every day for the dedicated TEECH staff. From the moment the diagnosis was made, our entire family felt enveloped with caring from the TEECH staff. They helped us with terminology, they recommended relevant reading, they met with us on a regular basis, they gave us techniques to help us at home, and they educated our daughter in a totally inclusive environment."

TEECH provided occupational, physical and speech therapy services and a para-educator, but Mackenzie was part of a typical classroom and moved along with her ad peers. She remained in the same school system as she progressed through the grades.

Without the TEECH program Finocchiario said her daughter would have required being transported almost an hour to an out-of-

district location at a cost Special Education Director Karen Gallagher estimated at \$135,000, plus additional services at \$75 an hour not provided at that location. Instead, all the services were provided on-site through TEECH.

"So as we move to the next budget work session and the value of the TEECH program is considered, I hope everyone thinks about a 3-year-old having to be placed on a bus for about two hours a day and costing the town about \$135,000 to receive her legally required education...if TEECH didn't exist."

Another Hampstead resident, Terry Grover Miller, said she was disturbed that a board member had said she represented the townspeople on Social Security. She said this was improper and that all board members had a responsibility to represent all residents impartially.

She also took the board to task for having allowed a member of the audience to interact with the board at

the previous meeting in a fashion not dictated by Robert's Rules. And she further questioned the three minutes per meeting, and suggested the board consider changing this or find a different forum to allow additional resident input. comment with a total of 10

OBITUARY

William "Bill" Johnston



William T. "Bill" Johnston, 47, of Chester died Oct. 23, 2012 surrounded by his family at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, Mass., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born on Aug. 6, 1965 in Calais, Maine, a son of Ellen G. Tucker and the late William B. Johnston.

He was a resident of Chester for 12 years, formerly living in Hampstead, and was a longtime resident of Cheshire, Conn.

He was a graduate of Calais High School, Calais, Maine, then attended the University of Maine.

He was the owner of Allied Clearwater in Kingston, a family business he started to establish a legacy to pass on to future generations.

He was passionate about his work, devoted to his company and proud to be an active member of his community. He was a Harley Davidson and John Deere tractor enthusiast. His regret was not having the chance to travel the world with his wife.

In addition to his mother of St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, he is survived by his wife of 30 years, Michele (Smith) Johnston of Chester; his four children, Aaron Johnston and his wife, Kali, Ryan Johnston, and twin son and daughter William Alexander Johnston and Camryn Elizabeth Johnston, all of Chester; one granddaughter, Mackenzie Rose Johnston; one brother, Joshua Johnston of Nevada; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be missed by his weimaraners, Jake, Haley and Kimber.

Calling hours were Oct. 28 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Derry. A Liturgy of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 29 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Derry. Burial followed at Great Hill Cemetery, Chester. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com



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Election

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which a few students act as hosts, introducing their peers and teachers to speak of their accomplishments.

"I'm responsible and I'm very brave and I'm a very good student. I'm a great leader to others and I'm willing to put in as much effort into being vice president as I do into school," she said. "I'm helpful too."

The secretary serves as a minute taker for the council meetings. Candidates for the position took a nuts and bolts approach to their candidacy.

Sierra Goodwin spoke of her love of writing. "I know I'm good at all of the things the secretary needs to be good at to do her job right," she said, pointing to her writing skills, attention to detail and responsible attitude.

Madison Takesian said, "In order to be secretary you need to have neat handwriting and spell well. I know I can do this because it is easier for others to read my writing. My spelling is great, and I know that because of the scores I get on spelling tests." She noted her real world experience with taking notes during extracurricular activities.

Treasurer candidates also spoke of their abilities. The treasurer collects and

counts money for fundraisers and other events.

Emily Beaudet said, "I am responsible with money. I used my own money to buy things on a trip. I did a good job and it wasn't tempting to spend it. Math is my favorite subject. I am super responsible and I am organized."

Autumn Brooks spoke of her good counting abilities. She saved up her own money to buy an iPod Touch, she said, proving her financial responsibility. She also noted

that she does quite well during math games in class. "If we have a fundraiser I will count the money. Thanks for listening to my speech," she concluded.

Aiden Wells, the only male candidate, also spoke of his expertise at counting and handling money. "I would be a great treasurer because I'm really good at counting money. Because I always count my money all of the time," said Welch. "If you vote for me I won't disappoint you. Thank you for

listening to my speech."

To tie in the student council election with the national political scene the school arranged to borrow a few voting booths from the town. Though the storm postponed the activity on Monday, the plan is to have all the kids come down by classroom to the "polls." They will check in with the ballot clerks and go through the same process their parents and the rest of the county are set to go through on Nov. 6.

Enrichment teacher David Ciarla told the kids Friday to be thoughtful about their choice and to choose the person they think is the best candidate.

Ciarla and LaRose also spoke about the importance of making a personal decision, and not talking too

much with friends and classmates to see who they're voting for. That privacy is inherent in their parents' voting life as well, they said, adding that it's why there's a booth and space to make a decision without anyone looking over one's shoulder.



This year's Sandown Central School student council officer candidates are joined by current Council president Emily Augusta, second from left. *Photos by Chris Paul*



Student Council President Emily Augusta checks out the voting booth set up in a classroom at Sandown Central School for student council elections.

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Editorial

Be Part of the Solution

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6, and we have the opportunity once again to cast our votes for candidates ranging from President of the United States to county officials. Those elected will be placed in positions of power and asked to make vitally important decisions that in many cases affect our daily lives.

As we've been repeatedly told, this is a crucial election. Unfortunately, as has been more and more the case in recent years, most races have degenerated into being hateful and misleading. As it gets closer to Election Day, that misrepresentation and the accompanying ugliness can be expected to get worse.

Out-of-state money is flooding our mailboxes with fliers touting candidates. Television ads range from bad to worse, and lies and misrepresentations and out-of-context comments lead the way. When questioned about the real issues, many candidates choose to answer with platitudes rather than with facts. And few are honest enough to admit that in just about all cases, one person alone cannot effect broad-based change.

We remind you that every candidate is going to smile broadly, shake as many hands as possible, promise wonderful things. Their family members

will say how near-perfect they are. Should that persuade us? Don't get sidetracked by the packaging.

So even if you've already made up your mind, consider your choice again, weighed against the competition. Read as much as you can about each candidate, and find out where that information is coming from. Ask questions. If you've always voted one party, be open-minded and listen to what the other party says as you make your decision.

If you like the change the 2010 election wrought in Congress and in Concord, then you know which candidates to support. Likewise, if that change is the opposite of the way you see your state and country, vote accordingly.

Your vote counts, but it means so much more if you cast it after making a studied, educated decision, not one based on inflammatory rhetoric that will translate into nothing more than a memory after the election.

Holding public office is a vital part of our democracy. No one is entitled to it. Public officials should have our trust and respect before they get our vote. Think about that as Election Day approaches and you decide on your choices.

And please, don't miss this opportunity to vote.

Letters

Moyer Statement

To the editor:

I want to apologize to District 13 voters for the publication of inaccurate information regarding my position on the issue of Right To Work legislation.

A recent mailer from the New England Citizens for Right To Work indicated that my responses to their questions were supportive of Right To Work Legislation. While they have accurately reported my responses, I do not support such legislation.

I mistakenly and unintentionally responded with answers that resulted in an inaccurate portrayal of my true positions and wanted to make voters aware of this before they cast their ballots.

While the New England Citizens for Right To Work is not responsible for my errors and has not reported inaccurately on my responses, I emphatically reject their assertion in a mailer that opposition to Right To Work legislation constitutes support for "forced unionism," something that is illegal and that I do not support.

Unfortunately, the title given to legislation can make its true intent difficult to identify, thereby creating confusion among the public.

I am sorry for any confusion that I may have created."

Derrick Moyer
Hampstead

Hampstead Schools

To the editor:

We are getting good value for our school tax dollars.

There have been some Hampstead School Board members stating that many Hampstead residents feel they are not getting value for their tax dollars for school spending. I attended the first of two School Board Budget Work Sessions on Oct. 16, and I would like to share the incredible value we are receiving at Hampstead Central School and Hampstead Middle School.

Did you know that our schools have a technology team of just three that support over 1,000 HCS/HMS users (students and staff) and over 530 technical devices at the two different schools? How many organizations in Corporate America can claim that level of efficiency? Ms. Collins, Technology Director for Hampstead Schools, reported that the Technology Department of energy giant PSNH supports 50 percent of the number of devices and

probably 25 percent of the schools' user population, but they require a staff of six to support the workload.

I've been in the technology industry for over 20 years, and the ratios of users to support personnel where I have worked doesn't even come close to what the school is achieving.

I would also like to commend Mrs. Grassbaugh, Principal at HMS, for presenting a budget for HMS that was 24 percent lower than her 2007/08 budget while still being able to add full two-year Spanish for all students in grades 7 and 8, no-cut volleyball, Boys & Girls "B" basketball, Math Club and the reinstating of Art Ventures during this same six-year timeframe.

I am a fiscal conservative who also believes in the absolute necessity of providing our students with an exceptional education. I am truly heartened that everyone who presented their 2013/2014 budgets at the Oct. 16 session kept the best interest of the students and the Hampstead taxpayers in mind throughout the process. Their creativity and conscientiousness are certainly to be applauded.

Suzanne Finocchiaro
Hampstead

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Chester Man Dies in Auburn Crash

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – William Johnston, 47, of Chester lost his life last week after rolling his pick-up truck in Auburn along Route 121.

Auburn police and fire responded to the accident on Monday, Oct. 22, around 9:30 p.m. Johnston, while traveling south near 278

Chester Road, reportedly lost control of his vehicle, rolling it.

A portion of Chester Road was closed during the accident response. Chester police provided mutual aid support for traffic duty. Johnston was thrown from the vehicle.

Johnston was airlifted from the scene to Boston. He died from his injuries

the following day at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

A resident of Chester for 12 years, Johnston was formerly of Hampstead. Johnston owned Allied Clearwater in Kingston, which had long handled water filtration efforts at the Sandown Town Hall and fire/police station.

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Sandown Voters Expected in Heavy Numbers

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN - Together with voters across the country, Sandown residents will flock to the polls on Nov. 6 to cast their ballots for what many are calling one of the most important elections in their lifetime. Stark choices are presented for voters from President to Governor to House seats, and estimates are that turnout will be large.

In some towns the secretary of state is sending enough ballots for a 90-plus percent turnout of eligible voters.

Sandown has 2,905 registered voters, and residents not on that roll yet can register on Election Day at the polls. Visit with the supervisors of the checklist to fill out the appropriate paperwork. Proof of citizenship and residency is required, or fill out an affidavit.

Polling hours on Tuesday are from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at Town Hall on Main Street.

According to a new voter ID law, all residents

will have to present identification before they receive their ballot, even if they've been voting in Town Hall every year for decades.

The new law requires all voters to present valid photo identification or execute an affidavit. Valid forms of identification include a driver's license from any state, a non-driver's identification card, a U.S. armed services identification card, a U.S. passport, any other valid photo identification issued by federal, state, county or municipal government, a valid student identification, and any other photo identification determined to be legitimate by election officials.

If the person is unable to produce a valid ID, he or she can fill out an affidavit attesting to their identity. There is also a stipulation in the law that states that a person's identity can be verified by a moderator or supervisor of the checklist or the town or city clerk.

But if that claim is challenged, the voter would still

have to fill out an affidavit.

Vouchers are being made available from town clerks as part of the law. It will allow a resident to visit the Department of Motor Vehicles and obtain a non-driver's ID at no cost.

President Barack Obama and Joe Biden, Democrats, face Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, Republicans, in the race for President. Libertarian candidates Gary Johnson and running mate Paul P. Gray are also on the ballot, along with Virgil Goode and James Clymer of the Constitution Party.

Republican Frank Guin-ta runs against Democrat Carol Shea-Porter.

For New Hampshire Executive Council, Republican Christopher Sununu, Democrat Bill Duncan, and Libertarian Michael J. Baldassarre compete. For State Senate, Democrat Carol Croteau and Republican Russell Prescott are looking for votes.

For five open state representative positions, seven candidates are on the ballot

- Republicans Stella Tremblay, Gene Charron, James Devine, Dan Dumaine and Joe Hagan, and Democrats Charlotte Lister and Kelly Upham-Torosian.

For Sheriff, Republican Michael Downing and Democrat John Clark are seeking the single position. For County Attorney, Republican incumbent Jim Reams, Democrat Joe Plaia and Libertarian Max Abramson are running. For County Treasurer, the race pits Republican Edward Buck against Democrat David Ahearn.

For Register of Deeds Democrat Robert Padian vies against Republican Cathy Stacey. For Register of Probate, Republican Andrew Christie and Democrat Debra Crapo are on the ballot.

For County Commissioner, Republican Thomas Tom-barello is facing off against Democrat John Mack.

In addition to the candidates there are two constitutional amendments and a follow-up on this year's bal-

lot. They are as follows:

• Question #1: "Are you in favor of amending the second part of the constitution by inserting after article 5-b a new article to read as follows: [Art.] 5-c. [Income Tax Prohibited.] Notwithstanding any general or special provision of this constitution, the general court shall not have the power or authority to impose and levy any assessment, rate, or tax upon income earned by any natural person; however, nothing in this Article shall be construed to prohibit any tax in effect on January 1, 2012, or adjustment to the rate of such a tax."

• Question #2, "Are you in favor of amending article 73-a of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 73-a [Supreme Court, Administration.] The chief justice of the supreme court shall be the administrative head of all the courts. The chief justice shall, with the concurrence of a majority of the

supreme court justices, make rules governing the administration of all courts in the state and the practice and procedure to be followed in all such courts. The rules so promulgated shall have the force and effect of law. The legislature shall have a concurrent power to regulate the same matters by statute. In the event of a conflict between a statute and a court rule, the statute, if not otherwise contrary to this constitution, shall prevail over the rule."

• Question #3: "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?"

Results from the Nov. 6 election will not be available before the Londonderry Times, Nutfield News and Tri-Town Times go to press for the Nov. 8 edition. Those results will be posted Wednesday morning, Nov. 7, at www.nutpub.net. Full election coverage will be provided in the Nov. 15 print editions.

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Hampstead Gears Up for Nov. 6 General Election

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - Voters will cast their ballots at the Hampstead Middle School gymnasium, School Street, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, for this year's General Election. School will not be in session, although parent-teacher conferences are scheduled, but this should not cause any parking or traffic issues.

The state has forecast an 85 percent voter turnout. The town has 5,925 registered voters, and the state sent out 6,800 ballots. Town officials have already distributed 400 absentee ballots, of which more than 200 have already arrived back.

The state's new "Voter ID" law requires voters at

the 2012 Presidential Election to present an approved photo ID. If a voter doesn't have a photo ID, he or she will be permitted to vote after executing a "challenged voter affidavit."

Acceptable photo IDs include:

- Driver's License (even if expired)
- ID card issued by New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles
- U.S. Armed Services ID
- U.S. Passport (even if expired)
- Valid photo ID issued by federal, state, country or municipal government
- Valid student ID
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, town moderator or town clerk.

As always, voters will be able to register at the polls

the day of the election. Hampstead Supervisors of the Checklist provide a separate table where voters who need to register can do so. They will need an acceptable photo ID or will have to sign the "challenged voter affidavit."

Hampstead Supervisors of the Checklist plan to have additional clerks on site for registering voters, and there will be a separate table where voters can complete the "challenged voter affidavit." Once that is filled out and it has been signed by a member of the Supervisors of the Checklist, town clerk, moderator or a member of the Board of Selectmen, the voter may present the affidavit to a clerk to receive a ballot.

Those who fill out a "challenged voter affidavit"

in order to vote on Election Day will receive a verification letter from the New Hampshire Secretary of State requesting confirmation that the individual voted. If the voter does not respond to the Secretary of State within 90 days, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

The ballot contains three proposed questions, as presented by the legislature.

Question #1 would amend the state constitution by inserting a new article that states: "Notwithstanding any general or special provision of this constitution, the general court shall not have the power or authority to impose and levy any assessment, rate, or tax upon income earned by any natural person; however, nothing in this Article shall be construed to prohibit any tax in effect January 1, 2012, or adjustment to the rate of such a tax."

Question #2 asks to amend article 73-a of the state constitution to give the legislature "concurrent power to regulate the same matters by statute as the chief justice of the Supreme Court." Currently, the chief justice makes rules governing the administration of all courts in the state; those rules have the force and

effect of law.

In addition to giving the legislature concurrent power, the amendment would, in the event of a conflict between a statute and a court rule, cause the statute, if not otherwise contrary to the constitution, to prevail over the rule.

Question #3 asks whether to hold a convention to amend or revise the constitution.

In addition to casting their ballots for President, in the race between incumbent Democrat Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney, voters will decide the following races:

- Governor, with Maggie Hassan, Democrat, and Ovide Lamontagne, Republican on the ballot, along with Libertarian John Babiarz.

- Congressman – Frank Guinta, Republican, and Carol-Shea Porter, Democrat.

- Executive Councilor: Bill Duncan, Democrat, and Christopher Sununu, Republican.

- State Senator: Jim Rausch, Republican, and R. Christopher Reisdorf, Democrat, both of Derry. The district covers Hampstead, Windham and Derry.

- Four state representatives, District 13: Regina Birdsell (Republican), Derrick Moyer (Democrat), Kathleen Pynn (Democrat),

Kevin St. James (Republican), John Sedensky (Republican), Andrew Stockwell (Democrat), William Waters (Democrat) and Kenneth Weyler (Republican).

- One state representative, District, 34: Harlan Cheney, Democrat, and Jeffrey Oigny, Republican.

- County Commissioner: John Mack, Democrat, and Thomas Tombarello, Republican.

For Sheriff, Republican Michael Downing and Democrat John Clark are seeking the single position. For County Attorney, Republican incumbent Jim Reams, Democrat Joe Plaia and Libertarian Max Abramson are running. For County Treasurer, the race pits Republican Edward Buck against Democrat David Ahearn.

For Register of Deeds Democrat Robert Padian vies against Republican Cathy Stacey. For Register of Probate, Republican Andrew Christie and Democrat Debra Crapo are on the ballot.

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Chester Expects Heavy Turnout at the Polls Nov. 6

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER - Poll workers are forecasting a busy election day on Nov. 6 and efforts have been made in recent weeks to make everything as efficient as possible for those who want to exercise their voting right.

Town clerk Barbara Gagnon has received 3,300 ballots from the secretary of state - almost as many as there are currently registered voters, and she said William Gardner is rarely far off in his estimates on turnout.

Gagnon said that the secretary's estimate for turnout is 94 percent, but she thinks 83 or 84 percent of voters will come out.

Still, that's a big number of people to get through the lines from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the multi-purpose room. The primary election saw 1,422 ballots cast.

The last presidential election in 2008 saw record turnout in Chester, with 2,738 voters casting ballots.

Already Gagnon joked she's got absentee ballots coming out of her ears. She had a record 1,000 absentee ballots sent to the town.

"I think it's going to start strong and stay strong," said Gagnon. "Which is nice. It will make it a good, fair election."

The inside of the multi-purpose room will be set up

with new, more professional barriers and arrows and directions to keep voters moving and knowing where to go next. Gagnon expects the efforts to make things run a bit more smoothly.

Also, in an effort to keep things smooth two police officers will be stationed at the polls, one outside to make sure people know that the legislature passed a law this last session that requires them to present a valid form of picture ID to be able to vote. Even if they've been showing up for decades, they'll need some ID this time around. In response to some complaints and outbursts from a resident or two during the Primary, the officer will let residents know that they need an ID before they get into the polls, and Gagnon is hoping it makes it easier on everyone.

The new law requires that all voters present valid photo identification or execute an affidavit to vote in all elections, from local to federal. Valid forms of identification include a driver's license of any state, a non-driver's identification card, a U.S. armed services identification card, a U.S. passport, any other valid photo identification issued by federal, state, county or municipal government, a valid student identification, and any other photo identification determined to be

legitimate by election officials.

If someone is unable to produce a valid ID, he or she can fill out an affidavit attesting to their identity. There is also a stipulation in the law that states that a person's identity can be verified by a moderator or supervisor of the checklist or the town or city clerk. But if that claim is challenged, the voter would still have to fill out an affidavit.

Vouchers are available from the town clerk the day of and in the days leading up to the election for a free non-driver ID from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Gagnon has already given out a couple of vouchers.

She said no one will be denied the right to vote.

New voters can register at the polls on the day of the election. They need proof of citizenship and residency, or they can fill out an affidavit.

Races on the ballot are as follows.

On the Republican side, Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan are running for President and Vice President against incumbent Democrats Barack Obama and Joe Biden. Libertarian candidates Gary Johnson and running mate Paul P. Gray are also on the ballot, along with Virgil Goode and James Clymer of the Constitution Party.

For Governor, Republi-

can Ovide Lamontagne, Democrat Maggie Hassan and Libertarian John Babiarez are running. For U.S. House, incumbent Republican Frank Guinta runs against Democrat Carol Shea-Porter.

For New Hampshire Executive Council, Republican Christopher Sununu, Democrat Bill Duncan, and Libertarian Michael J. Baldassarre compete. For State Senate, Democrat Carol Croteau and Republican Russell Prescott are looking for votes.

For five open state representative positions, seven candidates are on the ballot - Republicans Stella Tremblay, Gene Charron, James Devine, Dan Dumaine and Joe Hagan, and Democrats Charlotte Lister and Kelly Upham-Torosian.

For Sheriff, Republican Michael Downing and Democrat John Clark are seeking the single position. For County Attorney, Republican incumbent Jim Reams, Democrat Joe Plaia and Libertarian Max Abramson are running. For County Treasurer, the race pits Republican Edward Buck against Democrat David Ahearn.

For Register of Deeds, Democrat Robert Padian vies against Republican Cathy Stacey. For Register of Probate, Republican Andrew Christie and Democrat Debra Crapo are on the ballot.

And for county commissioner, Republican Kevin Coyle and Democrat Bob Davidson are competing.

In addition to the candidates there are two constitutional amendments and a follow-up on this year's ballot. They are as follows:

• Question #1: "Are you in favor of amending the second part of the constitution by inserting after article 5-b a new article to read as follows: [Art.] 5-c. [Income Tax Prohibited.] Notwithstanding any general or special provision of this constitution, the general court shall not have the power or authority to impose and levy any assessment, rate, or tax upon income earned by any natural person; however, nothing in this Article shall be construed to prohibit any tax in effect on January 1, 2012, or adjustment to the rate of such a tax."

• Question #2, "Are you in favor of amending article 73-a of the second part of the constitution to read as

follows: [Art.] 73-a [Supreme Court, Administration.] The chief justice of the supreme court shall be the administrative head of all the courts. The chief justice shall, with the concurrence of a majority of the supreme court justices, make rules governing the administration of all courts in the state and the practice and procedure to be followed in all such courts. The rules so promulgated shall have the force and effect of law. The legislature shall have a concurrent power to regulate the same matters by statute. In the event of a conflict between a statute and a court rule, the statute, if not otherwise contrary to this constitution, shall prevail over the rule."

Question #3: "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?"

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Sandown Well Prepared for Hurricane Sandy's Wrath

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN — Sandown's department heads in charge of emergency storm response were prepared Monday for the oncoming storm, but were not nervous about what it might bring. They've been through some pretty bad storms in the last few years and at this point everyone knows their jobs.

By Tuesday reports showed only mild damage in Sandown from the wind and rain. Reported wind speeds topped out about 50 miles per hour and a few inches of rain fell.

While much of Main Street, according to fire chief Bill Tapley, lost power for only a few hours during

the storm, many side streets remained in the dark on Tuesday.

The fire department never lost phone service and responded to about a dozen calls for downed wires and trees, and worked together with the highway department to make roads passable by morning.

According to public works director Artie Genuardo, the worst hit section of town was the north end, in the vicinity of Fremont, North and Sargent Roads. While the highway department worked through the night, in the morning the town's plow contractors were called to check and clear the roads that they handle during the winter. Genuardo expected to be

done with clean-up by the end of the day.

Once clean-up was done, the department was ready to jump right back on its road paving projects to make sure they were all buttoned up before the end of the season.

"All in all, I'm very happy with it," said Genuardo.

No flooding issues were reported from the highway department.

The departments have good lines of communication and were working together prior to the storm to make sure everyone was on the same page.

Gov. John Lynch declared a state of emergency Monday morning for 3 p.m., and noting the forecasts, urged motorists off

the roads by the afternoon.

Lynch also encouraged employers to release workers early in the afternoon and had all non-essential state employees leave by 3 p.m.

The fire department was busy on Monday making equipment and vehicle checks and making sure the generator was in order, all things they do regularly.

Tapley said his department has a good turnout rate for emergencies and took the storm on a call by call basis. The fire department has a list of residents who may need wellness checks during such a storm, and members also take on that responsibility.

"When people wake up in the morning, the roads will be clear," he said.

"While people are sleeping, we're out doing our due diligence. This is our town, so they all do what they can to keep us up and rolling."

Genuardo had his crew go home earlier than normal on Monday to make sure they were sharp if things got messy later in the day. The department spent Sunday making sure all the catch basins and swales across town were clean and flowing well.

Genuardo had two tree companies and two subcontractors on standby throughout the storm in case the workload became too much for his department to handle efficiently. But he noted that the department tries to do everything in house.

Police chief Joe Gordon

also noted that his department was in a wait and see mode early Monday. "We're expecting some power outages and trees down," said Gordon.

Early Monday morning after midnight, a gust of wind brought down a tree limb on Tenney Road, causing a power outage until about 10 a.m.

The Timberlane Regional School District cancelled school for Sandown students Monday and Tuesday.

While town offices were open for the majority of the day Monday, the selectmen decided to send employees home about 4 p.m. Usually the offices are open until 7 p.m. Mondays. The board also cancelled its meeting that night.

Chester Comes Through Hurricane Sandy Smoothly

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER - By Monday morning, emergency responders were prepared in the event Hurricane Sandy lived up to her hype. Department heads from the highway, fire and police departments all said they were set for the storm, but weren't too worried because in the last few years they've had a lot of practice responding to the problems that come with heavy winds and rain.

By Tuesday morning,

reports were that while power was out to nearly the entire town, the damage was much tamer than expected or that was seen in more southern areas of the country.

Trees and limbs were down across Chester but no major damage was reported by emergency responders. Reported local wind speeds during the storm topped out at about 53 miles per hour, with rainfall of about 4 inches.

Gov. John Lynch declared a state of emergency Monday morning to start at

3 p.m., and noting the forecast, urged motorists off the roads by the afternoon.

"With anticipated high winds and heavy rain we are asking people to stay off the roads this afternoon, particularly after 3," Lynch said. "Water in the roadways, flying debris and downed power lines are all possible because of the severity of this storm, which is why we are urging people stay off the roads unless absolutely necessary."

Lynch also encouraged employers to release workers early in the afternoon and had all non-essential state

employees leave by 3 p.m.

Chester emergency management director Phil Gladu and fire chief Rich Antoine worked together over the weekend to make sure the fire department and town had everything in order. Several conference calls with the state and weather service kept them abreast of what the storm was doing and where it was going.

Antoine said that first responders were set to staff the fire department through the night and the following day, and he was expecting that he and others might have to do a full 24 hours of response in a

bad case scenario.

In addition to emergency response the department also does home checks for residents and makes sure the dams in town are functioning correctly and are open if need be.

Police chief Bill Burke noted some concern about whether to postpone trick or treating, set for Wednesday night. Trick or Treating was also affected last year because of a snowstorm.

By Tuesday morning Burke had not cancelled Trick or Treat and was hoping that power would come on fairly soon, seeing that the center of town, where the Halloween events happen, was relatively uncathed.

Road agent Mike Oleson said the department had been busy the previous week making sure that catch basins were clean of debris but noted that falling leaves were complicating that effort. Oleson said emergency equipment was on hand from his MLM Construction if the town needed it, as in past emergency events.

The highway crews were out all night and the following day clearing roads with plow trucks and chainsaws. Oleson expected the clean-up to be finished by the end of the week.

Chester Academy and Pinkerton Academy were closed on Monday and Tuesday because of the storm.

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Fremont Road Culvert Replacement Gets Go-Ahead

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – After receiving no bids for the replacement of the Fremont Road culvert that came in under what the town had appropriated for the project, road agent Mike Oleson and the board of selectmen were at a bit of a standstill with figuring out how to get the work done.

At the board's Thursday, Oct. 25, meeting, led by chair Steph Landau, it was decided the lowest bidder would be awarded the work and plans set in motion to try and get it paid.

Just three bids were

received, surprising both Oleson and, he said, town engineer Dubois and King. The lowest bid, at \$57,814, is over the town's appropriation of \$49,945. The next two bids were \$75,000 and \$292,000.

The sum of \$49,945 was approved for the project at Town Meeting but through the state, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has also awarded a \$29,958 grant for the project.

Oleson stipulated that the project involves another \$10,000 or so in engineering costs.

Oleson initially suggest-

ed that he could head up the project with town workers and his MLM Construction Company, and make sure the work came in under the appropriated amount, but when he received opposition from selectman Mike Weider at a previous meeting, he took his offer off the table. Weider argued against violating the bid purchase policy by allowing Oleson to do the work without going through bidding. While Landau was reluctant to make a decision as well, the rest of the board (minus Jack Cannon, who was not present) was amenable to

Oleson's plan.

At last week's selectmen meeting, Landau raised the issue again, saying he had spoken with Dubois and King and representation from FEMA. According to Landau, he was told by FEMA that if the town appealed for the increased cost, there was a good chance FEMA would review the initial grant and add the shortfall in the bid amount.

Contacted after the meeting about the additional engineering costs, which were not discussed at last week's meeting, Landau said that as he understood it, the

engineering costs were already paid for, but conceded that he had only recently taken over as liaison to the highway department.

Cannon gave up that role when his son was hired by the department in a pinch. A properly noticed hiring process for that position is currently under way.

Landau wanted to know whether the board was amenable to giving the work to the low bidder and moving forward with plans to pay the difference. The board agreed.

Landau said that though the contractor likely won't

be able to start work until spring, the culvert had to be ordered, and thus the firm needed to know whether or not it had the work.

Weider suggested the town save money by ordering the culvert itself and use that expenditure toward its match of the FEMA grant. That way, he said, the contractor wouldn't be out any money at this stage.

Cannon questioned whether, if FEMA increased the grant amount, the town would have to pick up a portion to keep its end of the 25 percent match.

No decision was made on ordering the culvert.

Chester Tax Rate Established, Bills Due Dec. 3

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER – The total tax rate has dropped slightly this year and stands at \$23.85 per \$1,000 of assessed home value. That's down from \$24.66 per thousand in 2011.

A meeting to set the rate with the state Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) was held last week, and tax bills are being sent

out by tax collector Barbara Gagnon at the end of October. The due date is Dec. 3.

The breakdown of each rate is as follows: The municipal rate is set at \$5.18, down from \$5.77. The local school rate is \$14.43, down from \$15.02. The state school rate is \$2.60, down from \$2.78. The county rate is \$1.04, down from \$1.09 in 2011.

The overall rate jumped

last year, but largely because the town-wide revaluation lowered home values and the difference had to be picked up. At that time select chair Steph Landau said that without the reassessment, the overall tax rate would have been \$19.44. The previous rates are as follows: the municipal rate was \$4.09, the local school rate was \$11.66, the state school rate was \$2.12

and the county rate \$.92.

At the Thursday, Oct. 25, selectmen meeting, selectman Jack Cannon noted the potential to add an overlay to restock the unreserved fund balance. Cannon had raised the issue at a meeting earlier in the month, gave the numbers and said that while he wasn't necessarily in favor of an overlay this year, it was an issue that would have to be

tackled in coming years.

The DRA recommends that municipalities keep between 10 and 17 percent of their annual expenditures in the fund balance. While that balance can be increased with end-of-year surplus, selectmen can also overlay additional taxes at the start of the year to increase that bottom line.

According to Landau, the town currently has just under 10 percent in that fund. Ten percent would total \$1,229,270, and the town has \$1,193,228;

17 percent would equal \$2,089,759.

The tax rate is determined by investigating expected town revenue for the upcoming year and determining the difference between that sum and approved expenditures. That difference must be made up through property tax.

Go to www.chesternh.org to pay tax bills online. If a tax bill does not arrive, call town clerk/tax collector Barbara Gagnon at 887-3636.

Hampstead Weathers Hurricane

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Hampstead stood prepared for Hurricane Sandy's arrival Monday, and came through without significant problem.

The Fire Department recorded the strongest wind gust at 50 miles per hour during Sandy's visit, and Selectwoman Priscilla Lindquist said her two rain gauges each recorded 2 1/2 inches of rainfall during the storm.

Power was out everywhere in town Tuesday at 8 a.m. except in the most westerly edge, but a few hours later, the center of town had power restored. As of Tuesday morning, the only road blocked was East Road, from #415 east toward Atkinson.

The storm did not cause any major accidents, and there were no fires.

The Highway Department and Road Agent Jon Worthen had fueled and

readied all equipment and lined up the snowplows ahead of time just in case. Highway Department employees were out in advance of the storm's arrival, clearing drains and culverts.

The Police Department, according to Lt. John Frazier, ran regular shifts, and Fire Capt. Chris Dane said storm preparations were in effect.

"We are always basically prepared but we have everything fueled up and ready,"

he said. "Starting at noon Monday, Chief (Mike) Carrier activated storm coverage, with extra staffing to remain in place until noon on Tuesday or until it is deemed unnecessary."

Hampstead schools were closed Monday and Tuesday.

The Selectmen's clerk rushed to get payroll done Monday morning before power was lost. There is no plan to open a shelter at the middle school unless prolonged power outages occur.



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Climbing Wall a Big Hit at Hampstead Central School

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - The new climbing wall at Hampstead Central School is a big success, with the kids eager to use it and Physical Education teachers finding numerous ways to use the wall to combine exercise and learning experiences.

"I've been using a lot of math skills combined with the exercise aspect of the climbing wall," said teacher Angie Ingraham, adding she

has also been working on developing Language Arts and vocabulary skills to be combined with exercise. "The kids really like it."

The wall was installed Oct. 3, and that same day kids were climbing on it. The money to purchase the wall was provided by the Hampstead Mothers Club, Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), Community Resources Association and the Central School Physical Education budget. Handicap handholds for the

wall have not been purchased yet but will be soon, Ingraham said.

Through use of the wall, students will work on upper body strength, cardiovascular endurance and coordination. Cognitive skills will include communication, problem, solving, and goal setting. The students will also work on social/emotional skills by working together toward a common goal; will increase self-knowledge, self-awareness, and self-confidence through progressive challenges on the wall; and will foster perseverance in attempting to improve climbing skills.

On Nov. 2, first graders were to have a Butterfly Show and the wall will be used in the presentation, she added.

Third grader Danny Nelson, 9, said, "the climbing

wall makes the gym more fun to go to. It is a more fun equipment than they usually have."

"I like it because it is fun to play on," said Mina Ayles, 9, a third grader. "It is not hard to climb and even when you fall off when you miss a small peg, it doesn't hurt and you can get right back on."

The classes divide into small groups so that while one group is using the climbing wall, others are doing other physical education activities.

"The kids all seem to like it, and I haven't had a single student unable to do anything on the wall," Ingraham said.

Sandown Student Wins Scholarship



Holly Ange

SANDOWN - Granite State Communications has awarded two scholarships for the 2012-13 academic year. This is the 19th year for the scholarship program to students in its service area. Winners are Holly Ange of Sandown and Jayne Segedy of Hillsborough.

Each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Ange is a junior at the University of New Hampshire, where she is majoring in linguistics. Segedy is a senior at UNH, where she is pursuing a degree in music education.



The third grade class was divided into five activities, with this group using the new Hampstead Central School Climbing Wall.
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4-H Club Rescues Three Horses from Kill Auction

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

SANDOWN — The Hooves, Paws and Claws 4-H Club held its second annual open house at Patch Wood Farm on Saturday, Oct. 27, and visitors had a chance to see the club's newest members, three horses rescued from an auction where, without the club's help, they likely would have gone to slaughter.

Gizmo, Dori and Seri were well behaved throughout the day, serving as spokeshorses for rescued animals. The three were held on halters by the 4-Hers as visitors stopped by to hear their stories. Gizmo, 4, is likely a Welsh/Pony cross and is only as tall as the older girls in the group. Dori, 16, and Seri, 10, are miniature horses, similar to the large stuffed animal versions you might find in a bedroom.

The kids described all three as very well behaved, dealing well with all of the attention. They all have sweet personalities, the group said, and are big cuddlers.

"He's very sweet and loveable," said Lara Ciarletta as Gizmo nestled into one or another of the group.

Patch Wood is in the business of rescuing horses and Kathleen Dixon, owner of the farm and 4-H leader, suggested to the group that they take on a horse of their own. The kids were more than enthused about the idea, and quickly took

responsibility for the job. They raised all of the money needed not only to purchase the horses before they suffered terrible fates but to help with their upkeep.

While the kids all clearly love horses, it was important for them not just to purchase a horse from a local buyer, but to rescue one. Horses unwanted by their owners are often sold at auction, many of them termed "kill auctions" by horse lovers. These auctions sell unwanted horses more or less by the pound. After being sold in such arenas, they are often crowded into trailers to be shipped to Mexico or Canada to be killed and sold as meat. The conditions of those trailers are often abusive, according to animal welfare groups across the country.

And often there isn't anything wrong with the horse other than lack of someone to care for it. As proof, Patch Wood is full of well bred and well trained horses that were taken from the auction stand.

The group's original plan was to rescue a single horse, someone small that all the kids would own and care for collectively. Gizmo was that horse. Once the money was raised, Dixon took on the responsibility of driving to Pennsylvania to purchase and transport the horse.

But when she got there, plans changed.

Local 4-H member Abby

Bowler explained that Dixon also saw a miniature horse, Seri, at the auction and decided that she'd get her too. But Seri was bonded to another horse, Dori, who became frantic when Seri was being pulled away from her. Instead of pushing further hardship on the little equines, Dixon did some last minute negotiating to find the owner of Seri, who had already been purchased in Pennsylvania for another auction in New Jersey. Dixon drove to the New Jersey auction to secure her for her 4-H group.

The two horses are inseparable, said the kids.

The 4-Hers described the story dramatically, having decided that they're mother and daughter. "We got her because she was crying. She wanted her baby," said Emma Tanguay, who took on the interim role of public relations for her group.

While the initial plan was to obtain a horse, rehabilitate it and sell it to a good owner, plans on that front have also changed. Now, while Gizmo will likely be trained, brought back to full health and potentially sold to a good home, the club hopes to keep the little ones permanently. The goal is to have the kids train the two miniatures to pull a carriage. They'll all get a shot at the training and driving.

While the kids have regular Monday night meetings where they work with the



Members of the Hooves, Paws and Claws 4-H Club show off the three rescue horses - Gizmo, Dori and Seri - that recently joined the animals at Patch Wood Farm in Sandown.
Photo by Chris Paul

horses, they also participate in a schedule that has at least one person visiting every day, to check up on the horses, brush and work with them.

At first the horses were a bit standoffish, but after just two weeks at the farm, they've come around.

"He's the sweetest pony in the whole world!" said young Aiden Desantis.

Many of the kids have been around horses and know a thing or two about the animals, but this is a chance for them to get really involved.

Right now the miniatures are being trained to

walk with a lead and to "ho," or stop when told.

The kids are also responsible for making sure the horses get proper health care. They call the veterinarian and farrier and arrange appointments when the group can be there to see how that end of the horse world works.

The older members of the group keep all the books, tracking expenses from food to vet bills.

The group doesn't know the history of the horses, where they came from and what, if anything, they were used for. But they agree that they're much better off in

Sandown. "I can tell they're a lot happier here," said Tanguay.

Next on the list for the group is to acquire a wagon for Dori and Seri to pull. While the group would accept a donation of a cart, even if they've got to rehabilitate it, they're also continuing with their fundraising efforts.

And even though they ended up with 150 percent more horse than they planned, that number might jump again, as it looks like both the minis are pregnant.

To learn more about the club or to help out, visit www.patchwoodfarms.com.



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Livestone Church Offers Help with Community Service

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER - Representatives of Livestone Church met with the board of selectmen on Oct. 18 to thank the town for use of Stevens Memorial Hall for their services and to offer their members' efforts for community work.

The group, led by Chester residents, meets at Stevens Hall on Saturday evenings and has been doing so for about a year.

"We want to be a church

that's in Chester and for Chester," church member Jon Baker said, noting some recent community service efforts. "Please view us as a resource. If there's a volunteer need that arises in town, please look to us. We want to serve the community."

In an effort to give back for use of the building, Baker offered to pay for a portion of the building's heating costs.

While it was a suggestion appreciated by the board, the general consensus was that the church should use that

money to reinvest in their group and to grow.

Selectman Jack Cannon said the money the church might give for the oil wouldn't materially affect the town but putting those funds back into the group and growing their community service presence likely would.

Board members added that if the church wanted to take on a specific project in the building, they were more than welcome.

Baker also noted that the group was looking to put some clean up work into the

building, and selectmen expressed their appreciation.

Baker said he'd take the board's responses back to the group to decide how to move forward.

In other business at the Oct. 18 meeting:

- Lenny Stein of the Public Access Community Television (PACT) Committee met with the board to raise concerns about a contract with Comcast for internet that was signed on behalf of the town by someone who worked for the company. The name of the individual was not men-

tioned during the discussion.

It was conceded that the person may not have worked for Comcast at the time the document was signed.

While Stein questioned the validity of the contract, given its signatory's employ, it was also noted by him and selectmen that no one but the board is allowed to sign such monetary contracts.

Stein said the committee was planning to discontinue the contract, as the service was never used for its intended purpose and was no longer needed. The

monthly cost is \$66.55 a month, said Stein.

The contract originated in March 2011 and is set to expire in March of next year.

Selectmen decided to look further into the contract. While board members hoped that it could be discontinued without any penalties, if there were some charges, they could raise the issue with the signatory and work from there.

Selectman Rich LeBlanc volunteered to call a representative from the company.

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and air conditioning) system in the south wing would be replaced as well.

The trailers are said to represent a security risk, as students must leave them unescorted in all kinds of weather to use the bathrooms in the main building. To accommodate this movement of students, the main back door of the school has to

remain unlocked at all times.

Two of the trailers have two classes each of fourth graders and the third trailer has a Ventures room and a room for the custodians.

The existing south wing has 8-inch-thick concrete block walls, allowing exhaust fumes from parents' vehicles to leak into the kindergarten and pre-school classrooms. This situation also creates what Facilities Director Michael Hall called

a major energy hog, with air and moisture seeping into cracks and the lack of insulation plus air exchangers on the outside of the walls causing further energy drains.

The total renovated area at Central School would be 3,858 square feet, with 15,560 square feet of new construction. Construction costs would be \$3,520,000, with an additional \$275,000 in professional fees and \$535,500 in other costs.

The next step would be to request funding for design and engineering work for the proposed renovations and construction. No cost estimate was provided for those items.

At the Middle School, the proposal includes removing asbestos under the tile and rug in the library and computer room, and replacing the outside hallway library wall with glass and upgrading the hardware in the computer room.

A second Middle School project would be renovating the main entrance, which is not considered distinguishable at present, including adding an enclosed vestibule for energy conservation, and an outside canopy.

The total renovated area at Hampstead Middle School would be 3,497 square feet, with 80 square feet of new construction. Construction costs would be \$647,000, with \$60,000 in professional fees and \$116,500 in other costs. No design or engineering cost estimates were provided, but the next step would be to request funding for those items.

The board asked if the

projects could be done incrementally and Hall said they could. Hall estimated design and engineering costs in the \$220,000 range.

Assistant Superintendent Winfried Feneberg told the board this was not an action item that night. He urged the board to study the plans, with discussion set for the Nov. 13 meeting.

Board member Jim Stewart asked if asbestos was an issue at the Middle School and was assured that it is encapsulated and safe at this time.

In other business:

- Counselor Pat Jacobellis told the board the funding for Project Respect has dried up and the program after 20 years is in danger of ending. She asked the board to help look for sponsorship and to make a decision regarding dropping, modifying or keeping the program.

- Pinkerton Academy requested approval for a waiver to allow 50 additional students. The board members were unclear whether the 50 would be freshmen or a mix. They were also concerned that allowing in star athletes took away spots from Hampstead students.

The board asked Fene-

berg to discuss the make-up of the 50 additional students with Pinkerton Headmaster Mary Anderson, but considering that additional students results in a savings for Hampstead as far as Pinkerton tuition costs go, the board voted to approve the waiver.

- The board approved School Administrative Unit (SAU) Assistant to the Superintendent Cathy Belcher's suggestion of adding the following to the Hampstead School Board Participation at School Board Meetings form: "Meetings of public bodies subject to the Right-to-Know law are open to the public unless the body is authorized to hold a non-public session. The public's right to attend a meeting established by the Right-to-Know law does not convey a right to speak or participate. Many public bodies voluntarily establish appropriate regulated public comment periods at some meetings; however, this is not required by the Right-to-Know law (From the Attorney General's Memorandum on New Hampshire's Right-to-Know Law, RSA Chapter 91-A (Page 11, Section D. Meeting Procedures))."



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Chester Cemetery Trustees Have a Busy Summer

MATT RITTENHOUSE
Tri-Town Times

CHESTER - Though you might not notice as you whisk by in your car at 30 or 40 miles per hour, people walking by or gazing across the street from the Chester Congregational & Baptist Church or Stevens Memorial Hall may find that the Village Cemetery is looking its best this fall.

The Village Cemetery Trustees recently finished a many-month project that completely refurbished the cemetery's white picket fence. The fence hadn't been painted or rehabbed for years, but last summer the trustees decided to do

something about it.

According to trustee Geoff Barnett, the group, after finishing repairs to the gates at the North Chester Cemetery, initially began working on the end of the Village Cemetery closest to the basketball court. They soon found that they needed to put a bit more work into it then planned. The pickets had long gone without a coat of paint and many had rotted from the bottom up, from resting on the often wet ground.

Once an initial three fence sections on the far end of the cemetery were complete, the group ended up rebuilding about 20 sections in all. They started last sum-

mer, doing a section at a time, and when winter came they took the pieces to trustee Aaron Mansur's Scruffy's Auto Repair, and continued work through the winter.

Also replaced were the four by four posts along Route 102 and the trim. All the wood had to be stripped and repainted or replaced. When reinstalled, the posts were placed so as not to touch the ground.

Barnett conceded that there are still a couple of granite posts that are too skewed, but that work is next on the list, depending on how the weather holds out. Also planned for next year is to install stone

underneath the fence to mitigate rot.

It's estimated that the last time the fence was painted was in the 1990s.

"Basically, we're starting to work through a lot of stuff that has been put on hold," said Barnett.

It's not just the fencing that the trustees are busy with. Many hours were put into the almost 10 cemeteries the group looks after. The Village Cemetery is the showpiece but there are cemeteries on Raymond Road, Fremont Road, Halls Village, Wells Village, Lane Road, and Shepard Home.

In addition to regular lawn mowing and other

landscape work, the trustees have also been busy making sure all of the plots are correctly mapped and the stones are standing straight. They have expanded the North Chester Cemetery and have instituted new rules for stones that should keep the place looking good in years to come. Barnett said that bases are now required for headstones. A lot of work also goes into fixing damaged stones that have felt the ravages of time.

Burial records are now kept at the town clerk's office. While there has been some effort made in the past to keep track of everything in the cemeteries, the

records weren't always clear.

Barnett said he recently figured out a cataloguing system that former noted resident the late Col. Richardson D. Benton created for the Village Cemetery. While it took some thinking, it was exciting, said Barnett, when he finally figured out the map and key that Benton drew up with an index card system.

The trustees are regularly finding new cemeteries, and while the town isn't required to take on their care, the policy has been that if the cost isn't astronomical, the group will take on the work and care for the homes of the town's dead.

Hampstead Central Students Stage Poetry Café



Eric Kuhl read his poem at the Hampstead Central School fourth grade Poetry Café.
Photo by Penny Williams

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - The students in Erika Kruger's and Ashley Sgroi's Hampstead Central School fourth grade classes took the stage recently at a "Poetry Café." The youngsters wrote poems about what summer or fall felt like, looked like and meant to them, then read their work to an overflow audience of parents and friends.

Parents armed with cameras and phones snapped pictures, and several

made videos of the event.

The Poetry Café was the culminating project of their time spent working on poetry. The teachers integrated visual and performing arts into the project as the students represented their poems with individual mixed media collages so they could give them to their friends and parents.

"I had fun thinking of similes to describe the flow of summer," said Jared

Barcelos. "I learned that poetry can be fun."

Teagan Anderson said of the event, "It was interesting and fun. I think it is something other kids would enjoy."

"I looked out in the audience and saw that everyone was listening and no one was yawning," said Talen Letoille. "I was nervous at first but then my fears went away."

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'Grammy Mable' Receives State Volunteer Award



Hampstead Central School's Grammy Mable - Mable Van Patten - receives the Outstanding Service Award from Governor John Lynch. *Courtesy photo*

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD – Hampstead Central School and Cathy Wisecarver's first grade's Grammy Mable – otherwise known as Mable Van Patten – received the Outstanding Service Award at the 10th annual Spirit of New Hampshire Volunteer New Hampshire award ceremony.

Van Patten is a member of the Foster Grandparent Program and has been at Central School and with Wisecarver's classroom for the last 10 years. She volunteers with the Friends Program, serving 35 hours a week at the school.

Van Patten said she was

honored with the award and a bit overwhelmed by it.

According to Wisecarver and Principal Dillard Collins, Grammy Mable provides repeat instruction and practice skills to help students improve in all curriculum areas. She is an important team member who assists children with cognitive activities, reading, writing, math and pre-math skills. Staff say her presence encourages appropriate social behavior and self-control.

Grammy Mable also helps with homework and has worked tirelessly to support children in her classroom whose parents are going through difficult times. She provides one-on-

one assistance for students with anxiety issues.

Wisecarver pointed out an example of Grammy Mable's positive impact. Grammy Mable worked with a youngster having difficulty with speech, and assisted in successfully implementing a program that was designed by a speech and language pathologist.

Van Patten said she loves working with first graders and calls the experience the absolute best of her life.

"It's been the most fun time of my life," she said. "It is wonderful to work with the first graders. They help keep me going and they help keep me young. I plan on continuing to do this.

Being with the first graders it a lot of fun, a lot of laughs and a lot of hugs, and I get to wipe away a lot of tears."

Collins said the Friends Program that brought Van Patten to Central School is a godsend for the school. "It is a great opportunity for the students to get to know seniors and a great opportunity for the seniors to give back to the kids," Collins added. "Grammy Mable has trained with the staff and has, over the years, developed a truly great partnership with her teacher. It is just so nice having her here."

The award was presented Oct. 18 at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord.

SAU 55 Budget Increases

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

HAMPSTEAD - The SAU (School Administrative Unit) 55 budget was increased by roughly \$16,000 from what was introduced two weeks ago, from \$1,335,843 to \$1,352,057.

SAU covers the Timberlane School District, composed of Sandown, Danville, Plaistow and Atkinson, and Hampstead.

Business Administrator George Stokinger said after reviewing the pay in surrounding and similar districts for the Assistant Business Administrator position, held by Kathy Smith, and for the Human Resources Director position, held by Nancy Danahy, he

said he found both salaries inappropriate and significantly low. Stokinger recommended increasing their salaries over the next two years, starting by adding \$2,500 to each individual's salary in this 2014 budget. In addition, he recommended adding \$1,500 to Administrative Secretary Cathy Belcher's salary.

To offset these increases, Stokinger recommended eliminating the compensation pool. But he said the biggest difference in the new budget amount is in the Guaranteed Maximum Insurance amount, which increased to \$195,000, up \$10,000.

The SAU Board discussed the increases, and chairman Michael Mascola asked why this had not been

in the original presentation. Stokinger said the salary increases came about as a result of further review of the budget and noted the insurance information was just received.

After some discussion, board member Roger Barczak made a motion to approve a budget of \$1,348,133, restricting the salary increases to the Assistant Business Manager position only. The motion was voted down by all the rest of the board.

Nancy Steenson made a motion to approve the budget as proposed by Stokinger, \$1,351,133, and this was approved, with Barczak and Mascola voting against it.

The budget goes to a public hearing Nov. 14.



Fire Truck Fun

Hampstead Firefighter Keith Stilling lifts William Biggar, 3, down from his time sitting in the Hampstead fire truck as part of Fire Prevention Week. The children attending a recent Hampstead Public Library Story Hour got a chance to visit the fire truck as part of Fire Prevention Week.

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Kids Coop Readies 'Annie Get Your Gun' for Stage

PENNY WILLIAMS
Tri-Town Times

"Annie Get Your Gun" is the next Kids Coop Theatre presentation to take the stage, with performances set for 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, and 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Derry Opera House, 29 East Broadway.

The play has been an American classic since it was introduced in 1946 with Ethel Merman as Annie. It's billed as a family show, the tale of Annie Oakley, who manages to support her little brother and sisters by selling the game she hunts. Annie is discovered by Col. Buffalo Bill, who persuades her to join his Wild West Show, where she promptly falls in love with the show's star, Frank Butler.

The show is directed by

Jude Bascom and is her 11th and final production with Kids Coop Theatre before she moves to Georgia.

Nicholas Pothier is the music director. He has been teaching piano and has been involved with University of New Hampshire opera productions. A new member of the New Hampshire Master Chorale, he will be performing in its fall concert series.

Choreographer is Jackie Coffin, who has returned to Kids Coop Theatre after spending a year performing. She has been involved with more than 35 stage productions in the past 12 years as choreographer, stage manager, performer or director.

Kids Coop Theatre's mission is to provide a venue for children to showcase their abilities as actors. The cast comes from Derry, London-

derry, Hampstead, Manchester, Hudson, Danville, Atkinson and Windham, and Haverhill and Dracut, Mass.

Derry performers are Douglas Jones, Mackenzie Ozaroff, Sarah Rogers and Sarah Cullinane.

Eddie and Nina Coffman of Hampstead are in the cast as well.

Londonderry performers are Emily Haney, Sammy Honeywell, Aleksandra Moskal, Julia Turk, Michael DeRosa, Emily Powers, Emily Thomas, Ian Davis, and Grace Chicko.

Emily Thomas, 9, playing the part of Minnie, said, "This is exciting because it's my first show that I have been in and everyone loves me. I am not nervous now but I probably will be when I go on stage."

She said she likes the

show because it was about the outdoors and the wilderness, and she called the experience both "fun" and "cool."

Ian Davis, 11, playing the part of Buffalo Bill was thrilled to be in the play. "I think it is really exciting and interesting because it is based on the past," he said. "This is my first lead, at least one of the leads, and I really like history and learning about the cowboys and stuff. It's really fun. I am a little nervous but probably won't be when I go on stage because I will be used to it, know my lines and will find it a little less nerve wracking."

Tickets are \$10 for seniors and students and \$12 for adults. More information is available at www.kids-coop-theatre.org.



Emily Thomas plays Minnie and Ian Davis plays Buffalo Bill in the Kids Coop Theatre production of "Annie Get Your Gun," coming to the Derry Opera House Nov. 9 and 10.
Photo by Penny Williams

New Group

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of those citizens, but discussed the best place to put a monument. Though the common - the green space in front of Spollett's Store - was proposed, it was decided that the area is better used as a place for war memorials and the Civil War cannons. The town's historic town hall, Stevens Hall, was the best choice, according to the group.

Colman said Rowell suggested that in addition to the stone, the group should also include a spot in Stevens Hall where more detailed information about the persons named on the stone would be available.

The wall would include their contributions to public life in Chester.

Each member of the group is currently looking to choose one notable Chester resident to research for future consideration for memorialization.

The selectmen were behind the idea. Selectman Mike Weider said he was very much in support of the plan and suggested that residents likely would also get behind it. He said it might be worth putting a warrant article together for next Town Meeting to fund the project.

While there was discussion about fundraising for the stone, Weider said it would be better to start right

away and suggested that if the selectmen were not able to find money for the work in the budget, a warrant article should be written.

Weider said the stone and accompanying information would be good not only as a window into the town's history for residents, but also for school groups and children who want to know more about the town where they live.

"There's a lot of history in this community," said

Weider. "It's a legacy to pass on to future generations."

Estimated size of the stone is 5 feet high by 3 feet wide, with the potential to install wings.

The group is pondering adding one name per year.

Noyes said he'd like to see the entire Stevens Hall grounds turned into an historic area. He noted that Chester has a wealth of history worth telling, parts of which he had only recently learned when he began his own research.

"My father caught the

biggest fish in town," Noyes said, noting that it was just a small piece of an often unknown town story.

It was suggested that next year's Town Fair might be a good time to unveil the new piece. Fundraising and grant opportunities will be pursued.

The group also suggested that John West be the next focal point of the Town Report and the first name on the future monument. West was a longtime town moderator, a member of the fire department, and a Sun-

day schoolteacher and deacon of the church. He was, according to Colman, the only Sunday School teacher he ever knew to take the kids on field trips. They used to climb mountains and camp along the Kancamagus River, he said.

And he was his own Wilcomb Townsend Trust, said Colman, always giving to others without desire for recognition.

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Write In Day

Every Tuesday in November from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., the Chester Public Library is taking part in National Novel Writing Month by hosting a Come Write In Day. Come to the library on Tuesdays to work on a novel. The library is located at 3 Chester St. For more information, call the library at 887-3404.

Zumba

Chester Recreation presents Zumba with Amy Hazelton on Mondays at 5:45 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Multi-Purpose Room. Cost is \$55 for 10 classes, \$90 for 20 classes, and \$6 for drop-in per class. Classes can be joined anytime. For a free one-time pass, contact Sharon Mulrennan at 887-5773 or Sharon@chesterec.org.

Senior Wellness

Chester seniors are invited to attend a free Senior Wellness Program with Kim Cremin on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Multi-Purpose Room. For information, contact Sharon Mulrennan at 887-5773 or Sharon@chesterec.org.

Cabaret Cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Chester Congregational and Baptist Church must cancel "Tammy Grimes and Friends: A Cabaret Show," scheduled for Friday, Nov. 9, and Saturday, Nov. 10, at Stevens Memorial Hall in Chester. For more information, call the church office at 887-4799 or visit chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net.

Veterans Day Parade

Chester will hold a Veterans Day parade Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. starting from the town offices to the memorial in front of the post office, where there will be a short ceremony.

Legion Breakfast

The Chester American Legion hosts a breakfast on Nov. 11 from 7:30 to 10 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Room. The breakfast is free for veterans, with a donation requested from all others.

Book Group

The Chester Public Library Book Group meets every third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. "Sister" by Rosamund Lupton will be discussed Nov. 13. Extra copies are available for library cardholders to borrow. The library is at 3 Chester St. For more information, call 887-3404.

Child Find

The Chester School District will hold Child Find Clinics at Chester Academy on March 25, 2013 from 1 to 3 p.m. The purpose of Child Find is to screen the developmental skills of children between the ages of 3 to 6 - those not enrolled in first grade - who may be in need of special education services. The screenings are by school personnel and concern motor skills, speech and language, vision, hearing, and pre-academics. Any parent who thinks his or her child may have difficulties or a delay in any of these areas is asked to call 887-3621, ext. 146 to make an appointment. This service is free and open to all Chester residents. All results are confidential.

Adult Volleyball

Adult Volleyball takes place Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall multipurpose room, 84 Chester St. The recreational-level program is free, with pickup teams on a gym floor with two nets. For more information, contact Sharon Mulrennan at sharon@chesternhrec.org or call Chester Recreation at

887-5773.

Storytimes

The Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., offers free Storytimes with stories and crafts every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. with Mrs. Emily. For more information, call 887-3404.

HAMPSTEAD

Free Yoga

A free chair yoga class is offered at the Hampstead Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 3 to 3:45 p.m. This monthly class features non-impact exercises for teens and adults, who move at their own pace, sitting, standing, or using a chair for support. Instructor is Maggie Morgan from the Yoga Room in Hampstead.

Special Needs Worship

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 187 East Road, off Route 111, announces "Rhythms of Grace," a church experience for those who don't feel comfortable in a traditional worship setting. Rhythms of Grace includes a bible story, therapeutic arts and crafts projects and gluten-free communion in a child-friendly environment. The program is designed to meet the spiritual needs of children and their families living with autism-spectrum disorders and other special needs. The service is non-denominational and staffed by trained volunteers. The next service, "We're all part of God's big family," will be held Saturday, Nov. 10, at 2 p.m. Ongoing, services will be held the first Saturday of the month. St. Christopher's is handicapped accessible. For additional information, email nhrhythmsgrace@gmail.com, visit www.saintcs.org or call the church office at 603-329-4674.

Books for Breakfast

The Hampstead Public Library will have "Books for Breakfast" on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. The program is designed to give families more time together. The library will have crafts, books to share, and breakfast foods. Everyone who



FRIGHTFUL FUN Hampstead Academy students had a good time at their recent Halloween Dance. Pictured from left are: Elena Lapadula, Madison Dourdoufis, Timothy St. Jean, Rachel Patel, and Daniela Ronga. *Courtesy photo*

attends will have a chance to win a prize.

Paws to Read

Johnny Claude the Listener Dog returns to the Hampstead Public Library on Monday, Nov. 12, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. He is a certified therapy dog that loves to listen to kids read, tell stories, or act out a book. Set up a 15-minute session with Johnny Claude by signing up at the library's front desk or calling the library at 329-6411. Adults are also welcome to visit with Johnny Claude also.

Free Movie

On Nov. 17 at 12:30 p.m., the Hampstead Public Library will host a movie, a recent documentary by Disney with a true life adventure of a baby chimp named Oscar. The movie is suitable for kids of all ages and adults. Bring a lunch or snack.

Bible Club

The Island Pond Bible Club for children in grades 1 through 5 meets Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at the church, 26 North Salem Road. Snacks, games, music, activities and lesson time are included. Call the church office at 329-5959 for more information, or visit www.islandpondbc.org.

Fall Sports Banquet

The Hampstead Middle

School Athletic Club invites all fall athletes (soccer, field hockey and cross country) to the fall sports awards banquet on Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. All athletes are asked to bring individually wrapped snacks to share. A slide show will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the HMS gym.

'Grail Mania'

"Grail Mania" comes to the Hampstead Public Library at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, thanks to the Friends of the Library and the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Diana Durbin will tell the story of Perceval, a young knight who travels through a strange kingdom and meets King Arthur, Merlin the Wizard, and other famous Arthurian characters. Members of the audience will have the opportunity to portray some of the characters and act out the story as told by Durbin, author of "The Return of King Arthur." The performance is free. Refreshments will follow, and members of the Friends and the audience are invited to stay for the regular monthly meeting of the Friends.

Library Raffle

For the raffle basket for October into November, Ruth Paul, vice president of the Friends of the Hampstead Public Library, will knit an item for the winner. The winner can choose the

item, the yarn, color and pattern. In addition, the basket holds a scarf, knitting needles, yarn, and directions to make another scarf, plus more yarn and a pattern to make a shawl. Raffle tickets are available at the front desk of the library at \$1 each or six for \$5. The winner will be drawn before the start of the "Grail Mania" program on Nov. 13 at the library.

Adult Storytime

Adult Storytime at the Hampstead Public Library takes place Fridays, Nov. 2 and 16, at 10 a.m. This program is designed for developmentally disabled patrons, but all adults are welcome. Attendees will read books and do a craft.

Bridge Club

The new Bridge Club at the Hampstead Public Library is off to a successful start. The club will continue to meet Mondays at 1 p.m. No sign-up is necessary and Hampstead residency is not required. For questions, call the library at 329-6411.

Author Visit

The Hampstead Public Library hosts Hilary Weisman Graham on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 6:30 p.m. She is author of the new young adult novel "Reunited." Pizza and ice cream are served. Bring a friend and have a chance to win an auto-

graphed copy of "Reunited." For more information, call 329-6411 or email pfallconer@hampstead.lib.nh.us.

Christmas Market

The annual Christmas Market will be open Thursday, Nov. 1; Friday, Nov. 2; Saturday, Nov. 3; Thursday, Nov. 8; Friday, Nov. 9 and Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. Items include handicrafts, angels, holiday decorations, pillows, collectibles, novelties, and gifts for pets. A cookie walk, soup & sandwich luncheon, baked goods, and refreshments

will be available throughout each day. Proceeds benefit the Operating Fund of this historic church. The Sandown Community "Giving Tree" will also be displayed at the fair to help local families make ends meet this holiday season. Help fulfill a child's gift request that has been hung on the tree. Return gifts to the church before Christmas. The church is chair lift accessible. For more information, call 378-0683 or e-mail: ehuc@comcast.net.

Book Discussions

The Third Thursday Book Group of the Hampstead Public Library will discuss "Vie De France:

Sharing Food, Friendship, and a Kitchen in the Loire Valley" by James Haller at 1 p.m. Nov. 15. The group will welcome the author to its meeting. The Non-Fiction Book Group at the library meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, to discuss "Looking for Alaska" by Peter Jenkins. Copies of both books are available at the library's front desk, and newcomers are always welcome.

Christmas Craft Fair

Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St., hosts its annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Kate at 329-6372.

Adult Volleyball

Adult Volleyball takes place Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. all year at the Hampstead Memorial Gym on Main St. (Route 121). The recreational-level program is free, with pickup teams on a hardwood floor with one net. For more information, contact Dave Murphy at djohnmurphy1@myfairpoint.net or Chuck Wilson at c_wilson@comcast.net.

Mothers' Club Craft Fair

The non-profit Hampstead Mothers' Club's 27th annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hampstead Middle School

on School Street, off Route 121. Handmade crafts are offered from over 70 artisans selected by a jury, along with activities for children, a full food menu and a Raffle Table. Admission is free.

Special Education Parents

The Hampstead Special Education Parents Group presents "A Survival Guide for Ordinary Parents of Special Kids" by Gina Gallagher and Patricia Konjoian, authors of "Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Hampstead Middle School Library. Parents, school staff and community members are invited to attend. Copies

of the book are available to borrow from the front desk of the Hampstead Public Library. For more information, visit www.hampstead-sepg.org or email info@hampsteadsepg.org.

SANDOWN

Floral Arrangement

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library, create a harvest floral arrangement to share for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Sandown resident Louise Chartier will guide participants as they make the centerpiece with fresh flowers and items found in most pantries. Registration

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for this adult program is required at the library, and cost is \$5 to cover supplies.

Stone Walls

Master builder and author Ken Gardner will present a workshop on the art of New England stone wall building on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library. Gardner has been building stone walls for years and wrote a book on the subject, "The Granite Kiss." During his presentation, Gardner will build a miniature wall on the table. He encourages listeners to ask about specific problems or projects on their own properties. The free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Sandown Public Library.

Library Closure

The Sandown Public Library will be closed Monday, Nov. 12, in honor of Veterans Day.

Cribbage & Cards

An evening of cribbage and cards starts at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at the Sandown Public Library, with cribbage, whist, 45s and gin rummy. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Knitting Group

Expert and beginning knitters are welcome to join the knitting group that meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library. Bring a project to work on and share knitting experience with other crafters.

Santa Sale

The Sandown Mothers Club holds its annual Santa Sale on Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. To donate gently used toys and books, put them in collection bins at the Sandown Town Hall, Post Office, or library. Toys can also be dropped off Nov. 30 at Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Only toys in good condition are accepted. No fast food toys or stuffed animals can be accepted. All proceeds benefit people in the community. For more information, visit: www.sandownmothersclub.com.

Veterans Day Concert

The Timberlane Community Band, in an annual collaboration with the Windham Community Band, presents a free musical tribute honoring veterans in a Veterans Day performance Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center, Greenough Road, Plaistow. A Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Color Guard and accompanying bag piper begin the performance, and local Boy Scouts will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Keynote speaker is Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Testerman, ROTC Commander at the University of New Hampshire. A video/slide presentation will follow. Homemade refreshments will be provided by the musicians. For further information, call Rick Incollongo at 898-4959.

Holiday Greens

The Sandown Mothers Club is holding its 10th annual holiday greens sale. Choose from kissing balls, roping, and wreaths of all sizes. Pre-orders are due by Nov. 16. A limited number of decorated wreaths and kissing balls will also be sold on Dec. 1 at the Santa Sale at Sandown Town Hall. All proceeds benefit the community. Visit www.sandownmothersclub.com to download an order form or contact Trina Morasse at 887-3029 or timandtrina@comcast.net.

Holiday Auction

Sandown North School hosts a Holiday Auction on Friday, Dec. 7, from 6 to 10 p.m. Numerous opportunities are available for parents to be involved. The next planning meeting is Thursday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m. at Sandown Central School. For more information, contact Darci at darcianben@yahoo.com or Kara at cheercoachkara@yahoo.com.

Adult Volleyball

Adult Volleyball takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. (except school vacations) at the Central School gym on Main St. (Route 121A). The recreational-level program is free, with pickup teams on a linoleum floor with one net. For more information, contact Paul Bernier at Pionmet@aol.com.

Story Hours

Busy Bears Story Hour takes place at the Sandown Public Library every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. with Miss Jenn.

REGIONAL

Healing Service

New Creation Healing Center holds a service of healing titled "Blues, Blahs and Better Days - Healing the Hurts of the Holidays" on Friday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. People from area churches are assisting. For information, call 642-6700.

Soccer Tryouts

Seacoast United Soccer Club partnered with the New Hampshire Phantoms of Hampstead for its inaugural season as the Seacoast United Storm. The club announces tryouts for its U15-U18 girls and boys as follows: Nov. 12 and 14, U15 & U16 Boys, 5 to 6:30 p.m., and U17 & U18 Boys, 6:30 to 7 p.m.; and Nov. 13 and 15, U15 & U16 Girls, 5 to 6:30 p.m., and U17 & U18 Girls, 6:30 to 8 p.m., all at Amesbury Sports Park, 12 Hunt Road in Amesbury, Mass. A fee of \$20 is required to try out, and each player will receive a Seacoast United T-Shirt. For more information, visit seacoastunitedstorm.com/Tryouts/640802.html.

Coffee House

Etz Hayim Synagogue hosts its annual Harvest Moon Coffee House on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue at 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry. It features blue ribbons for the best apple dessert and best chocolate dessert. New this year is an open mike for performers. Admission is \$8 at the door, \$5 if purchased in advance, \$5 after 9:30 p.m. For pre-paid admission, contact Etz Hayim Synagogue.



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Halloween Fun

The Hampstead PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) Halloween Party was a sell out before the evening began, and the Central School gym and cafeteria area were filled with costumed children and adults, including a queen, 6-year-old Avery Fiset.

Free Classes for Veterans

In recognition of veterans and their service, the AARP Driver Safety Program is offering its classroom refresher course free to all veterans as well as active military personnel, regardless of age, throughout November. The offer, which waives the normal course registration fee, is available to anyone who served or has served in any branch of the military, National Guard or Reserves. Spouses, including widows, also are eligible. On class day it will be necessary to present a form of military identification such as a military ID, discharge papers (DD form 214), dependent ID card (DD Form 1173) or membership card to the Veterans of Foreign Wars or American Legion. Pre-registration is required. To locate a class, visit aarp.org/finda-course or call 888-AARP-NOW (888-227-7669).

Kids Coop

Kids Coop Theatre presents "Annie Get Your Gun" on Friday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway, Derry. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students.

Upper Room Auction & Gala

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center in Derry, is holding its 11th annual Family Matters Auction and Dinner at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Promises to Keep in Derry. The event, titled "Live from the Red Carpet," will feature a variety of food from area restaurants, cocktails, live and silent auctions, games, live entertainment, and a red carpet entrance. Purchase tickets at \$35 per person at urteachers.org/events-calendar.html. Every attendee will receive a \$10 gift certificate to T-Bones Restaurants and other giveaways. All proceeds go to The Upper Room's programs supporting local families with teen parenting, GED preparation, youth anger management, drug and alcohol awareness, in-home parent-

ing counseling, and parent support groups. Festivities include celebrity impersonators. A prize of 50 bottles of wine is up for grabs, earned by participating in a wine cellar game. For the first time, The Upper Room is offering a "Fund a Family" opportunity, where folks can contribute \$200 to help families seeking to earn an education, find a job, raise healthy children, or put nutritious food on the table. Donations are accepted in advance and online, and during the event, and offer an additional way to provide support, even if the donors cannot be present. For more information, call Kimberly Bavaro or Emily Murphy at 437-8477. Sponsors include Dollar Bill's Auction Outlet & Wholesale Co., Bank of New England, and Hampshire First Bank.



SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

A local company is looking for individuals with a pleasant disposition, a positive attitude and good people skills in the **Concord, Londonderry and Manchester, NH areas**. Positions available for school year & extended school year. Driveway-to-driveway pay, must be able to park a mid size bus at your residence. CDL and school bus certificate are desirable but not required. As long as you have a clean driving/criminal record and are able to pass a DOT physical/drug test, we will train you to be a Provider driver. We offer competitive pay and supplemental health insurance; as well as dental and a 401K plan. If you are interested in making a difference in a child's life as well as your own, please call Cathy at The Provider 603-895-9664 ext 150. EOE



TOWN OF SANDOWN Parks and Recreation

Mowing; turf maintenance-fertilization; irrigation open/close for the 2013 season. Packets available: Town Hall 320 Main St; recreation office at 25 Pheasant Run Drive; and via email by request to recreation@sandown.us. Deadline: 11/13/12 by 4 PM.

Granite State women believe in Ovide Lamontagne and know he stands with us. As a woman who has been working in healthcare for 35 years, I am confident in his ability to promote positive change in the field I've made my career in. He recognizes the need for common sense leadership in Concord to bring us together in order to move New Hampshire into a new era of prosperity.
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